GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR CRASHES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of aircrashes involving civilian aircraft have taken place since January 01, 2003 at various places including Gujarat, Mumbai, Delhi and Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of each aircrash;

(c) the persons found guilty and responsible for the said mishaps;

(d) the amount of compensation given or would be given in each case;

(e) the details of enquiry report in each case; and

(f) the cases where sabotage has been apprehended?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) and (b):- There have been two accidents since 01st January, 2003, viz.
(i) Accident to Bell 412 helicopter VT-AZC of M/s. Azal India at Mumbai on 19.04.2003. There was no fatality in this accident and
(ii) Accident to Lama SA-315B helicopter VT-HIM of M/s.Himalayan Heli - Services at Manali on 29.04.2003. One crew member and three passengers, including two foreign nationals died on the spot in this accident.

(c):- The investigation report of accident to Bell 412 helicopter of M/s. Azal India submitted by the Inspector of Accidents is under review by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Investigation is underway by DGCA in the case of Lama SA-315B helicopter of M/s.Himalayan Heli-Services.

(d):- Since the ill fated helicopters belonged to private companies, the respective operators have to decide the amount of compensation to be paid in each case.

(e):- Since the process of enquiry is underway, it is not possible at this stage to indicate the details of the enquiry report in each case.

(f):- No sabotage is apprehended in these two cases.